

# OUR·VILLAGE·VOICE

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## MSB's Ellaun Williams to Head State Beta Club

MSB junior Ellaun Williams won the Missouri Senior Beta Club presidency at the state convention held in Branson March 12-13.

Ellaun kicked off his campaign with an eloquent speech emphasizing his campaign theme that all Betas are welcome in "Mr. Williams' Neighborhood."



Missouri Senior Beta Club President-Elect  
Ellaun Williams

His campaign got an assist from Trevon Graves, who wrote and performed

an original campaign

song and dance routine. Trevon and his companions Amber Ataway, Adam Jordan and Tyler Boykin won a second place trophy for their efforts.

Several other MSB Betas won trophies also: Skily Smith's vocal solo, *Colors of the Wind*, took third in the Talent competition

and she also took eighth in Oratory; Carolyn McGhee finished sixth in Creative Writing and Adam Jordan placed sixth in Poetry.

MSB's Beta Club members have been invited to compete for the office of National President in June. MSB is the only school for the blind in the United States that has an active Beta Club.

Shaughn Doyel is the club sponsor, assisted by Brenda Thomas.

## CALENDAR

Lutheran High School South Volunteers	April 16
NCASB Swim & Forensics Conference Meet	April 23-25
Junior-Senior Prom	April 29
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 3-7
RCEE "Fit For Life!"	May 4
Mother's Day	May 9
Claymont Orchestra Concert	May 14
Senior Week	May 24-28
Memorial Day Holiday	May 31
Commencement	June 3, 7 p.m.
Last Day of School	June 4



## NFB Recognition

Breck Campbell, Alecia Ceaser, Khrystal Coleman, Leticia Eckhoff, Kathryn Hurd, Tabitha Jenkins and Justin Thompkins have been honored by the National Federation of the Blind for participation in the national portion of Braille Readers Are Leaders. Awards were certificates and t-shirts.

## HONOR ROLL THIRD QUARTER 2009-10

### ELEMENTARY

KENIA CAZARES \* ZYSHAUN CROSS-  
WILLIAMS  
SIRRIA KEHR \* JILLIAN MCBROOM  
SAH'MARA PERRY-LUCKETT  
TIONDRA POLLARD  
KIWAN SANDERS \* DIONNA TOWNS

### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

AMBER ATTAWAY  
MICHAEL BABUSA  
COURTNEY BATY \* TYLER BATY  
TYLER BOYKIN \* DAVID BROWN  
BRECK CAMPBELL \* ALECIA CEASER  
AMANDA DRAKE \* JESSE FINNELL  
JADE GRANTHAM \* KATHRYN HURD  
TABITHA JENKINS \* ADAM JORDAN  
AMBER LACEY \* CAROLYN MCGHEE  
ALEX RICHARDSON \* SKILY SMITH  
AARON WOLFE

**CONGRATULATIONS  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

## School Calendar Changes

The Missouri State Board of Education has approved the following changes to MSB's calendar for the months of May and June, 2010: The Truman Birthday holiday, scheduled for Friday, May 7, will be exchanged for Monday, June 7. Staff and students should plan to attend a full day of

school on May 7. In exchange the last day of school will be Friday, June 4, ending at 1 p.m., instead of Monday, June 7 as originally scheduled.

Commencement exercises have been moved from Sunday, June 6, to Thursday, June 3. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

### MSB Cited for "Exemplary Participation"



MSB Librarian Mary Dingus shows off the certificate the school received "for exemplary participation in the NFB Braille Readers Are Leaders contest" from the National Federation of the Blind.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APR. 6      WILLIAM PEEPLE  
              BRENDA THOMAS  
APR. 7      BRIDGET MCKENNA  
APR. 12     VERA ENNIS  
APR. 13     TIM GASPER  
APR. 20     LYNN NAVY  
APR. 23     BEV HAYES  
APR. 29     JASON GRUENDLER

**HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

### *It's A Lot Harder Than It Looks!"*



MSB P.E. Teacher Tim Cobb shows passenger George Barber (with blind-fold) how to ride a tandem bike without sight. Dr. Barber, Assoc. Prof., Health and P.E. at Greenville, IL, College, brought several education classes to MSB to learn Adaptive P.E. techniques. A pair of students on a bike can be seen in the background.